

- 2. Defendant STMicroelectronics, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 1310 Electronics Drive, Carrollton, Texas 75006. STMicroelectronics, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of STMicroelectronics NV. STMicroelectronics, Inc. designs, manufactures, markets, and sells semiconductors, including flash memory products.
- 3. Defendant STMicroelectronics NV is organized under the laws of the Netherlands with its principal place of business at 39, Chemin du Champ des Filles, C. P. 21, CH 1228 Plan-Les-Ouates, Geneva, Switzerland. STMicroelectronics NV designs, manufactures, markets, and sells semiconductors, including flash memory products.
- 4. Defendants STMicroelectronics, Inc. and STMicroelectronics NV are collectively referred to herein as "ST."

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a), because this action involves a claim arising under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1, et seq.
- 6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants in that each has established minimum contacts with the forum. Each Defendant designs, develops, manufactures, fabricates, demonstrates, tests, uses and/or assembles electronic devices that have been used, offered for sale, sold, and/or purchased in California.
- 7. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), 1391(c), and 1400(b), in that ST has committed acts of infringement in this judicial district and a substantial part of the events giving rise to this action occurred in this judicial district.

INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT

8. Assignment to the San Jose Division of California is proper under Northern District Local Rules 3-2(c) and 3-5(b) because plaintiff SanDisk resides in Santa Clara County, California, and a substantial part of the events giving rise to this action occurred in Santa Clara County.

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CAUSE OF ACTION

- 9. SanDisk repeats and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 8 in their entirety.
- 10. On November 23, 1999, the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") duly and legally issued U.S. Patent No. 5,991,517, entitled "Flash EEPROM System With Cell by Cell Programming Verification," to Eliyahou Harari, Robert D. Norman, and Sanjay Mehrotra (the "'517 patent"). At all relevant times, SanDisk has been the owner, by valid assignment, of all right, title, and interest in and to the '517 patent. A copy of the '517 patent is attached to the Complaint as Exhibit A.
- 11. ST has infringed and is continuing to infringe the '517 patent, directly, contributorily, and/or by inducement, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.
- 12. ST has notice that it is manufacturing, using, and/or selling products that infringe the '517 patent. Despite such notice, ST has continued to willfully infringe the '517 patent by making, using, offering for sale and/or selling within, and/or importing into, the United States devices that embody or practice the invention disclosed and claimed in the '517 patent.
- 13. Unless enjoined by this Court, ST will continue to infringe the '517 patent, and SanDisk will continue to suffer irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law. Accordingly, SanDisk is entitled to preliminary and/or injunctive relief against such infringement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283.
- 14. As a result of ST's infringement of the '517 patent, SanDisk has been and will continue to be injured in its business and property rights, and is entitled to recover damages for such injuries pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284 in an amount to be determined at trial.

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, plaintiff SanDisk requests entry of judgment in its favor and against ST as follows:

- a. Declaring that the '517 patent is valid and enforceable;
- b. Declaring that ST has infringed one or more claims of the '517 patent;
- c. Preliminarily and/or permanently enjoining ST and its officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, and all persons acting in active concert or participation with it, from further infringing, contributing to and/or inducing the infringement of the '517 patent, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 283;
- d. Awarding SanDisk damages in an amount adequate to compensate SanDisk for ST's infringement, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- e. Awarding SanDisk treble damages in view of the reckless, willful, and deliberate nature of ST's infringement, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284; and
- f. Awarding SanDisk costs and reasonable attorneys fees, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 285.

Dated: December 6, 2005

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule 3-6(a) of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, plaintiff SanDisk demands a trial by jury of this action.

Dated: December 6, 2005

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Pursuant to Civil L.R. 3-16, the undersigned certifies that as of this date, other than the named parties, there is no such interest to report.

Dated: December 6, 2005

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